

CLAIMS

1. A method for processing an information sequence with an iterative decoder, comprising:
 - 5 dividing the information sequence into a current window and at least one additional window;
 - selecting the current window of the information sequence; and
 - computing at least one metric value for a current recursion of the current window based on metric values from the additional window of the
 - 10 information sequence, wherein the additional window is from a past iteration.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - initializing a training recursion for the current window based on the metric values from the additional window.
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3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - processing the metric values from the additional window of the information sequence.
- 20 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:
 - storing the processed metric values.
5. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - determining a value step number of the metric values from the
 - 25 additional window; and
 - determining an initialization step number for initializing the training recursion for the current window.
6. The method of claim 3, wherein the processing step comprises:
 - 30 assigning the metric values from the additional window of the information sequence.

7. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
determining an index of the metric values of the additional window; and
initializing the training recursion of the current window based on the
index of the metric values of the additional window.

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8. A method for processing an information sequence, comprising
selecting a current window of the information sequence during a
current iteration;
selecting an additional window of the information sequence, wherein
10 the additional window is for a future iteration;
recursively computing a metric value for the current window; and
processing the metric value for the current window for use in the
additional window.

15 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
storing the processed metric value.

10. Computer program product in a computer usable medium for
processing an information sequence with an iterative decoder comprising:

20 computer program code that divides the information sequence into a
current window and at least one additional window;

computer program code that selects the current window of the
information sequence; and

25 computer program code that computes at least one metric value for a
current recursion of the current window based on metric values from the
additional window of the information sequence, wherein the additional window
is from a past iteration.

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11. The program of claim 10, further comprising:
computer program code that initializes a training recursion for the
current window based on the metric values from the additional window.

5 12. The program of claim 10, further comprising:
computer program code that processes the metric values from the
additional window of the information sequence.

10 13. The program of claim 12, further comprising:
computer program code that stores the processed metric values.

14. The program of claim 11, further comprising:
computer program code that determines a value step number of the
metric values from the additional window; and
15 computer program code that determines an initialization step number
for initializing the training recursion for the current window.

15. The program of claim 12, further comprising:
computer program code that assigns the metric values from the
20 additional window of the information sequence.

16. The program of claim 11, further comprising:
computer program code that determines an index of the metric values
of the additional window; and
25 computer program code that initializes the training recursion of the
current window based on the index of the metric values of the additional
window.

17. Computer program product in a computer usable medium for processing an information sequence comprising:

computer program code that selects a current window of the information sequence during a current iteration;

5 computer program code that selects an additional window of the information sequence, wherein the additional window is for a future iteration;

computer program code that recursively computes a metric value for the current window; and

10 computer program code that processes the metric value for the current window for use in the additional window.

18. The program of claim 17, further comprising:

computer program code that stores the processed metric value.

15 19. An iterative decoding system, comprising:

means for dividing an information sequence into a current window and at least one additional window;

means for selecting the current window of the information sequence; and

20 means for computing at least one metric value for a current recursion of the current window based on metric values from the additional window of the information sequence, wherein the additional window is from a past iteration.

25 20. The system of claim 19, further comprising:

means for initializing a training recursion for the current window based on the metric values from the additional window.

21. The system of claim 19, further comprising:
means for processing the metric values from the additional window of
the information sequence.

5 22. The system of claim 21, further comprising:
means for storing the processed metric values.

23. The system of claim 20, further comprising:
means for determining a value step number of the metric values from
10 the additional window; and
means for determining an initialization step number for initializing the
training recursion for the current window.

24. The system of claim 21, further comprising:
15 means for assigning the metric values from the additional window of
the information sequence.

25. The system of claim 20, further comprising:
means for determining an index of the metric values of the additional
20 window; and
means for initializing the training recursion of the current window based
on the index of the metric values of the additional window.

26. A turbo decoding system for processing an information sequence, comprising:

means for selecting a current window of the information sequence during a current iteration;

5 means for selecting an additional window of the information sequence, wherein the additional window is for a future iteration;

means for recursively computing a metric value for the current window; and

10 means for processing the metric value for the current window for use in the additional window.

27. The system of claim 26, further comprising:

means for storing the processed metric value.

15 28. A turbo decoding system comprising:

at least one interleaver;

at least one de-interleaver;

at least one decoder;

20 means for dividing an information sequence into a current window and at least one additional window;

means for selecting the current window of the information sequence; and

25 means for computing at least one metric value for a current recursion of the current window based on metric values from the additional window of the information sequence, wherein the additional window is from a past iteration.